

AEROPLANE READY TO BE LAUNCHED.

Long-Expected Test of the Langley Flying Machine Expected Soon.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETE

Tugboat Lies on Potomac Near Houseboat From Which Airship Is to Take Flight, Ready to Follow.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Widewater, Va., July 25.—Ready to follow the course of Professor Langley's flying machine—provided that course does not take it beyond the waters of the Potomac—a tugboat is lying near the houseboat from which the airship is to take its flight. The tug has been on hand several days, and it is evident that the practical test of the airship or of a model is to be made very soon.

The entire force of scientists and mechanics has been engaged inside the houseboat for several days, apparently at work on the airship itself. All work necessary on the superstructure has been finished, and arrangements for the launching of the aeroplane seem to be completed.

While the question of expense has not been allowed to interfere with the success of the flying machine, ordinary economy is being practiced. The expense of the tugboat, which is about \$6 a day, is an item which would "count up" if the experiments were delayed much longer.

The hoisting crane on the topmast part of the houseboat was completed Thursday. Heavy pulleys were run up and tested by weights. The superstructure was cleared of all unnecessary material. Boards, work benches and several beams were carried below and the top of the boat was hoisted as clean as the deck of a warship going into action. The crane will be used to hoist the airship or model into position for the trial.

The large sliding bar upon which the sixty-foot airship will run, has been finished, and is securely fastened to prevent it from sliding backward and forward with the motion of the boat. The smaller car, parallel to the large one, to be used for models, does not appear to have been completed, but it needs only a few hours' work.

Trials with a model were made as important in one respect as an experiment with the flying machine. The model is simply a small scale. The intention is said to be to try a model to observe any defects, remedy them and apply the ideas obtained to the big machine.

Professor Langley has not yet reached the scene of the proposed experiments, and tests with a model may be made in his absence.

JOHNSON PLANS TO DEFEAT HANNA FOR RE-ELECTION.

Important Conference of Democrats at Cleveland—Mayor City to Have Senatorial Aspirations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cleveland, O., July 25.—An important conference was held at the home of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, which was attended by Democrats from various parts of the State. The admitted purpose of the gathering was to discover means of defeating the re-election of Senator Hanna.

The Democrats were called to discuss with Johnson the chances of carrying the close legislative districts. The meeting was surrounded with secrecy, those attending it avoiding the hotels and concealing their identity.

Mayor Johnson evidently believes it possible to carry the Legislature for the Democratic party, and he said today he deemed that of more importance than the election of a Democratic Governor. He has thus far refused to stand as a candidate for Governor, and he declared that he would not take the nomination unless it were forced upon him.

It is the general impression that he desires the governorship and will ask for it if the Legislature is Democratic. In connection with this, it is said he will oppose the endorsement of a candidate for Senator in the State Convention, as planned by the State Committee.

The conference was preliminary to a vigorous fight that will be made against the re-election of Senator Hanna, which Johnson will begin throughout the State about the first of August.

POLICE SET OFF DYNAMITE.

Brooklyn Suburb Shaken Up by Cracksmen's Explosives.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 25.—In getting rid of several sticks of dynamite which had been left on their hands by criminals the police gave the Brownsville section of Brooklyn a shaking up yesterday and caused a lot of excitement among the residents there.

The dynamite was found a few nights ago in a saloon in Glenmore avenue, where it had been left by cracker men, one of whom was afterwards arrested.

The explosive was temporarily stored in a closet behind the Sergeant's desk in the Brownsville station.

When they learned where it had been placed the Sergeant suddenly lost all enthusiasm for desk duty.

The nervous strain from having the dynamite around was that the desk was opened yesterday to get rid of the stuff. Detectives Stover and Tormey were selected to dispose of the explosive.

Dismissing their delight at this commission, they took the dynamite to a big open lot on the outskirts of Brownsville, and Stover, who served in the navy and knows something about handling explosives, set it off.

After firing the stove Stover, who weighs about 200 pounds, started on a sprint for the far end of the lot.

He just reached there when the dynamite exploded. The explosion, however, did not do much harm to the people, and the people came running in droves from all directions to learn what had happened.

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Sale of Sample China

From the Importing House of Geo. Borgfeldt & Co., New York.

THE way we are sacrificing the balance of our great purchase of China Samples means considerable to every housekeeper in St. Louis—the hundreds that were here last Monday will testify as to the greatness of the value. You can buy any article designed for table use, all pretty decorated pieces, in newest designs, at about a third its value. There are thousands upon thousands of pieces and no two alike.

China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 5c
China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 15c
China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 25c
China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 35c
China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 45c
China Samples, worth up to 50c—choice..... 75c

Glassware You Need for the Summer.

Punch Bowls—On foot, elegant design, imitation cut glass—special..... 89c
Handled Cups to match bowl, per set of 4..... 25c
Footed Glasses for ice cream and lemon, made of fine crystal..... 35c
Berry Bats, very pretty patterns, cut-glass design, large bowl and 6 saucers to match, fine crystal glass—complete set for 12..... 29c
Jelly Tumblers, fine crystal glass, fluted pattern, with tin tops—per dozen..... 19c
Tumblers, thin blown lead glass, nicely engraved—worth \$1.00 a dozen; each..... 5c

We Close Daily at 5 O'Clock. Saturdays at 1.



The Fastest-Growing Store in America.

\$1.00 Satin Foulards, 59c.

These are the very best grades, and come in dots, small and medium figures, etc., in all the leading shades, including black and blue with white dots, full 24 inches wide—goods worth \$1.00 a yard—Monday, per yard..... 59c

50c Black Taffeta Silk, 39c.

Every thread is guaranteed pure silk. The width is 19 inches; 50c is the price we have been selling them for—reduced to, for..... 39c Monday

Fine Undermuslins

Cut to Half Price.

ALL our finest quality of Nainsook and Long-Cloth Gowns with low, round and square neck, with elbow sleeves, trimmed elaborately with Val lace and fine nainsook insertion, finished with ribbon heading.

Petticoats of fine quality cambric with Van Dyke points of open embroidery and Point de Paris lace, finished with double lace flounce and dust ruffle.

Skirt Chemises of the finest quality nainsook, beautifully trimmed in fine Val lace and Point de Paris lace insertion, finished at bottom with deep lace ruffle. We will divide them in two lots to clear out quickly.

Lot 1—Garments worth up to \$5.95, choice of the entire lot..... \$2.75

Lot 2—Garments worth up to \$3.50, choice of the entire lot..... \$1.49

CORSET COVERS—With full French front, trimmed with rows of torchon insertion and clusters of tucks; others with low round neck, finished with lace insertion and ribbon heading, trimmed neck and arms. These garments are worth up to 50c; choice for..... 49c

We Bought Women's White Waists at 1-3 Price; So May You.

JUST imagine how greatly the price must have tempted us when we bought, at this time of the year, almost 14,000 high-class waists, representing the entire stock of the Standard Waist Co. We calculated you would be glad to buy them at the extremely low prices we could afford to sell them. You never saw prettier waists, cleverer styles, nor such a variety. There are more than 500 distinct styles, nine of which are here illustrated. They are the season's newest effects in fashionable high-class waists and each garment is made up in a first-class manner. The prices speak for themselves, and make an urgent appeal for your participation in this greatest of waist sales. It begins Monday at 8 o'clock.

THIS WAIST, \$2.38	THIS WAIST, \$1.50	THIS WAIST, 50c	THIS WAIST, 98c	THIS WAIST, 29c	THIS WAIST, \$1.50	THIS WAIST, 29c	THIS WAIST, \$1.50	THIS WAIST, 29c
\$1.50 and \$1.75 White Waists, 59c.	\$2.50 and \$3.00 White Waists, 98c.	\$4.00 and \$5.00 White Waists, \$1.50.	\$7.50 to \$12.50 White Waists, \$2.98.					

Each waist is in perfect condition and is packed in a separate box. There is no end of beautiful styles from which to choose. The materials are dainty white lawns and mercerized striped white Oxford cloths; the trimmings are beautiful laces, embroideries and insertion; many are finished with box pleats, tucks, side pleats, hemstitching and fagoting; there are open back and open front styles, all made with pouch sleeves and the new stock collars. The major portion have tucked backs and many with tucked sleeves; the variety is great and the styles superb. These are positively \$1.50 waists—choice of the lot (on sale in basement)..... 59c

More than 200 of the very newest styles are to be found in this assortment, including open back and front, long or short sleeves, high or low necks. The materials are very fine lawns, organdies, dotted Swisses, India laces and other sheer dainty white fabrics. They are variously trimmed with wide and narrow pleats, cluster tucks and hemstitching, also beautiful laces and embroidery; many of them have hand-loom allover embroideries fronts; there are also pure white butchers' linen and handkerchief linen waists made with those popular wide pleats; \$3 values. Your choice of this immense assortment for..... 98c

Very dainty and exquisite creations in a host of pretty style effects; materials are high-grade India laces, lawns, Swisses, organdies, pure butcher and handkerchief laces, variously trimmed with dainty berrington galleons, cushion embroideries, new flat lace insertion, also point de Venise lace, exquisite handmade Cluny lace, Irish point embroideries and Swiss allover. The effects produced are very artistic; they are the cleverest, waist conceptions of this season. In addition there are a lot of tailor-made waists, finished with various widths of pleats and hemstitching, fagoting and clusters of tucks—\$4 and \$5 values. Choice of the lot for..... \$1.50

If you see these waists they will allay any doubt you may have as to the genuineness of this offering. Another thing, come early; there are only 35 dozen of these waists, and not more than six of any one style; of some there are but two or three. The materials are the finest imported handkerchief linen, with fronts, stocks and cuffs of genuine French hand embroidery; also hand embroidery English and Madeira embroidery. All are hand-worked. Also waists of the finest quality India linen, dotted Swisses, organdies and China silks, beautifully trimmed with allover embroidery, many with French Val lace; also motif and medallion trimmed waists and small medallion trimmed waists with Val lace circular yokes; by far the handsomest styles shown. Choice..... \$2.98

Bathroom Fittings.

Extra special offer—Just about all the fittings you need for your bathroom on sale at a very low price—complete outfit for \$2.95.

Each piece is here illustrated. The Shower-Bath Spray is made of first quality pure white rubber with extra heavy rubber end for faucet, and large spray, nickel-plated. The Tub Seat is made of polished oak with rubber covered nickel-plated ends. Soap Holder, Toilet Paper Holder, Whisk Holder, Toothbrush Holder and 8-inch Towel Bar are all heavily nickel-plated on brass. This outfit is offered fully a third less than it is worth—special price..... \$2.95

We have great varieties of all the articles mentioned above—pieces will be sold separately if desired.

Summer Underwear

For Women and Children.

A LOT of odds and ends bought from American Knitting Mills Co. at less than manufacturer's cost will be placed on sale Monday in three assortments. The saving is exceptionally great.

Misses' and Children's fine lisle thread and cotton Jersey ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeveless, also high neck and long sleeves, in white and ecru—worth up to 15c a garment—choice Monday..... 5c

Women's fine cotton and lisle thread Jersey ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeveless, square and V neck, also low neck with wing sleeves, in white and ecru—worth up to 25c a garment—choice..... 10c

Women's fine lisle thread Jersey and Richelleu ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeveless and low neck and wing sleeves, square or V-shape necks, in white and ecru, both straight and shape garments—worth up to 38c—choice..... 19c

Imported Wash Fabrics

At Less Than Half Price.

WHEN we start cutting prices we are not afraid to take a loss. Good merchandising demands it, and it pays us. The department that has suffered the most by price-cutting is the Wash Goods department, on main floor. This gives you an opportunity to buy the very finest materials for very little. Here are a few instances. We could cite a score:

Wash Fabrics worth up to \$1.25 a yard, including Embroidered Batistes, Embroidered St. Gall Swisses, 45-inch Mercerized Plain Colored Spider Cloth, 27-inch Silk-Warp Madras and other fabrics—choice, per yard..... 49c

Wash Fabrics worth up to \$2.00 a yard, including 45-inch Silk Embroidered St. Gall Swisses, 45-inch Swisses in all the new chintz effects, 45-inch Embroidered Chiffons, 50-inch White Silk-Warp Eolians and other stylish fabrics—choice, per yard..... 75c

Women's Swell Oxfords.

Just 600 pairs, all sizes, of women's fashionable Oxfords—\$3 values, on sale Monday at \$1.50.

Picture the style of this Oxford in your mind. If it pleases you, you will be delighted with the price. This illustration hardly shows its correct shape, although it resembles it very closely. The heels are just a little lower, called the Cuban and Military. They are made of very fine quality patent colt skin leather, have medium toes and hand-welted soles; it is one of the most desirable styles we know of, very neat appearing and every pair is thoroughly well made; they are \$3 values, sale price..... \$1.50

Refrigerators

and Go-Carts

One-Third Off.

We have too many high-priced Go-Carts and large-size Refrigerators on hand. We want to sell them quickly. These prices will bring about the desired result.

Go-Carts.
\$19.50 Baby Go-Carts..... \$14.34
\$16.98 Baby Go-Carts..... \$11.32
\$14.89 Baby Go-Carts..... \$ 9.93

Folding Go-Cart Special.
Just received a shipment of Folding Go-Carts which will go on sale Monday at..... \$2.98

Refrigerators.
\$21.50 Refrigerators, dou. door..... \$14.34
\$16.98 Refrigerators, dou. door..... \$11.32
\$14.89 Refrigerators, dou. door..... \$ 9.93

Straw Matting.
We are closing out our Straw Matting at less than import prices. Note the savings.

25 rolls of China Matting (40 yards to the roll) reduced from \$6.00 to..... \$3.60
50 rolls of China Matting, regular 5c quality, per yard..... 15c
100 rolls of extra quality China Matting, 3c grade, per yard..... 19c

Finest Laces Reduced 1-4, 1-3 and 1-2

Our Miss McKenna, who has for the past several weeks been visiting the principal European lace and embroidery markets, advises us that she has made extensive purchases and that large shipments may be shortly expected. Prior to their arrival we are very desirous of disposing of our present stock. For that reason we have made such radical price reductions on practically every piece of lace and embroidery we have in stock.

1/3 OFF	1/3 OFF	1/4 OFF	1/4 OFF	1/4 OFF	1/4 OFF	1/2 OFF	1/2 OFF
On all our Real Dutchess and Brussels Laces, Galleons and Medallions.	On all our Dutchess Berthas, Collars and Boleros.	On all our Pure Linen Handmade Cluny Laces.	On our entire stock of real Torchon Laces and Inserting.	On our entire stock of Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Embroideries and Inserting, including matched sets and beautiful Allovers.	On our entire stock of Point de Venise, Fancy Appliques, Gulpure and Perslau of hose, Laces and Inserting, black and fancy coloring.	On all our Hand-Drawn Tenerife and Paraguay Bands and Medallions.	On our entire stock of Volaines, both ready made veils and goods by the yard.
The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.	The original prices remain on all these goods. Be sure to ask for discount after making the purchase.

Extra Special in Basement.
A clean sweep of everything in the basement department, including fine Point de Venise Laces and Inserting, Cluny, Torchons, Valenciennes, black and white Chantilly Laces and thousands of yards of fine Embroideries. We have been selling these goods for 81-3c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c a yard—they are worth more. Monday there will be a uniform price on everything—choice per yard..... 5c

Point de Venise, Point de Paris, Normandy and Cluny Lace Bands, very newest patterns, worth up to 25c a yard—on main floor at..... 10c
Exquisite Laces, Point de Venise, Renaissance, Irish Crochet, pure silk Ecru, in white, ecru, black, worth up to \$2.50 yd.; main floor, yd..... 98c

Basement Bargains.

Genuine New York Tills Hemstitched Ready-Made Sheets, 9-4 size, full bleached, 100 dozen of them, worth 85c each; on sale, while they last, at..... 60c

Dotted Swiss—Very fine quality, fast colors, white ground, with all sizes and colors of woven dots; 20c grade (just two cases); on sale, while they last, per yard..... 9c

White French Lawn—48 inches wide, 40c grade (60 pieces); on sale, while they last, per yard..... 19c

White Etamine—Very good quality, worth 20c a yard (1 case); on sale, while they last, per yd..... 7 1/2c

Turkish Toweling, very heavy—bleached (1 case), 50c grade—per yard..... 15c

3 O'Clock Special.

Monday at 3 o'clock we will place on sale one case of finest imported 26-inch plain white, soft-finish English Nainsook, very sheer fabric, made of Sea Island yarn, suitable for women's undermuslins, 25c quality, per yard..... 10c

Men's Negligee Shirts

59c for \$1.00 Values.

We bought all the Men's White Negligee Shirts a prominent manufacturer had on hand. We bought them cheap enough to be able to offer them at about half their value. Materials are superior quality madras; the shirts are made with pleated bosoms, cuffs attached, full size and perfect fitting, thoroughly well made, \$1 values; choice..... 59c

Boys' Shirt Waists.

A consignment of 75 dozen Boys' Shirt Waist Blouses, in the very newest patterns and colors, beautiful Oxford green and tan chevrot, made with four full-box plait; also plain Madras and percale blouses of extra length, which can be worn as shirts; they come in all sizes up to 15 years; regular \$1 values; on sale, third floor, at..... 49c

Lace Curtain "Seconds"

Can Be Bought Very Cheaply.

You can choose from an elegant assortment of the newest and most stylish designs. The curtains are odd lots, and a number have slight defects. Still you are able to secure some remarkable values. Be on hand early—it pays.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, full width and length, "seconds" of \$1..... 19c
grade—per curtain..... 19c

Scotch and Brussels Net Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yds. long, 50 in. wide, "seconds" of \$2 grade..... 29c
per curtain..... 29c

Cable Net and French Guipure Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yds. long, 64 in. wide, "seconds" of \$3.50 grade..... 59c
per curtain..... 59c

Ruffled Bobbinet Sash Lace, 32 in. wide, made of finest quality Tuscan Net, with deep lace edges and insertion, in beautiful Point de Venise lace; Renaissance designs—worth 38c a yd.; while they last Monday, per yard..... 19c

600 pieces of real Brussels and Irish Point Lace Curtains, size 50x54 inches, with beautiful deep embroidered borders and spangle designs—per sample..... 39c

600 pieces of Mosquito Netting, in white and green, slightly imperfect, 13 1/2 yds. wide and 8 yds. long. These pieces are worth 60c each; on sale while they last, Monday, at..... 35c

Turkish Towel "Seconds."

If you don't mind buying Towels that have very slight defects, such as a loose thread, misweave, or perhaps a little overbleached, you can buy them for half of what they usually cost.

Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, extra heavy, size 18x36 in. (2 cases), 12 1/2c quality—at..... 7 1/2c

Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, very heavy, size 18x36 in. (2 cases), 12 1/2c grade..... 10c

Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, very fine quality, size 22x45 in. (2 cases), 30c grade..... 12 1/2c

Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, very heavy, size 24x48 in. (2 cases), 30c grade..... 12 1/2c

Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, size 18x36 inches, very heavy (2 cases), 25c grade..... 15c

Turkish Bath Towels, both bleached and unbleached, all very large sizes, mostly fine grades, all heavily ready for use; they are out slightly imperfect—20 dozen in this lot..... 19c

Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, very fine quality, large and heavy, size 22x45 in. (2 cases), 30c grade..... 25c

Bleached Turkish Bath Towels, very fine quality, large and heavy, size 22x45 in. (2 cases), 30c grade..... 75c

Turkish Bath Mats, fancy colored, 40 dozen..... 19c

Turkish Bath Mats, large size, extra heavy grade—worth up to \$1—choice..... 50c

Unbleached Turkish Bath Towels, size 18x36 inches, very heavy (2 cases), 25c grade..... 15c